

INSTRUCTIONS / FEEDBACK FROM 7/10/07 BRAC MEETING

Additional Policy Options Suggested by Individual BRAC Members

Use of renewables on agricultural land (co-benefit: income generation) (Post Meeting Note from Staff: *This topic is generally addressed in Energy Supply sector – ESA group*)

Commuter pricing / congestion charge – e.g., London commuter tax

Incentives to get (old) polluting cars off the road

1. Clarify / strengthen emissions standards
 - a. diesel / gas
 - b. vehicle size

(Post Meeting Note from Staff: This will be discussed at next meeting)

Improve traffic flow / congestion mitigation (Post Meeting Note from Staff: Is discussed broadly under TL2)

Energy portfolio to include:

- clean coal technology with sequestration (Post Meeting Note from Staff: ESB group)
- nuclear – (Post Meeting Note from Staff: ESC group)

Both are included under Energy Supply)

Geothermal included as a renewable? (Post Meeting Note from Staff: Is included under ESA)

Additions to Policy Option Descriptions Suggested by Individual BRAC Members

Summary graphic showing GHGe reduction potential by policy option – Graphic shows percent reduction of “total gross emissions”. Need to clarify whether “total gross emissions” include man-made *and* natural GHG emissions, or only man-made.

All AF options, especially AF-5 – Specific mention should be made of invasive species-specific effects, where applicable. Utah Legislature will be interested. Post Meeting Note from Staff: This is particularly relevant to AF-13 “Increase Forest Health (pest/disease, invasive species) Risk Reduction Programs.”

AF-3 –Add “use of FDA-approved recombinant BST” as a process to enhance reduced emissions.

AF-4 –The validity of the assertion that organic farming increases carbon sequestration was questioned.

AF-15 – Change to “Fuel Blending and/or Switching.” Add a paragraph each discussing fuel blending and fuel switching, and indicating that the choice of process is installation-specific.

AF-15, third paragraph – California (not Oregon) is prohibited from purchasing CO2 intense electricity.

CC-1 – Add a paragraph stating that a GHG registry should not provide the opportunity to export GHGe's globally.

CC-8 – Add global climate proposals.

All ES options – Certain terminology in the policy option descriptions suggests that some energy sources are more favorable than others. David Litvin will submit specific suggested language changes to address this.

ES-22 – Clarify what processes this policy option applies to.

RCI-1 – Rocky Mountain Power has just released its assessment of the energy efficiency potential in Utah and the other 5 states in which it does business. This assessment can be used to inform future policy.

RCI-5 – Utah utilities already have the option to use inverted block rates, so this option could move to Bin A.

TL-7 – Add something about eliminating current constraints on use of low-carbon fuels. E.g., loss of manufacturer's warranty on vehicles that are altered to use biodiesel.

TL-12 – Add statement that costs in Utah are mostly political and institutional hurdles. Possibly recommend that Utah should focus on incentive, rather than fee, side.

TL-13 – Add vehicle idling as a topic for the education program.

Public Comment – Need to add John Baza / Mike Golas comments on ES-19 and ES-44.

BRAC Meeting Schedule

BRAC meeting – 7/31, 10-5, UDEQ Room 101

- discuss priority and binning of policy options
- draft climate science report presentation
- draft outline for BRAC final report

BRAC meeting – 8/14, 10-5, UDEQ Room 101

- review draft BRAC final report

2 additional BRAC meetings anticipated after 8/14

- review Renewable Energy Initiative Focus Group (REIFG) recommendations
- stand-alone report or addendum to BRAC report?

REI work group meets every Wednesday, 10-12

- except on Legislature's interim days, meets from 2-4
- REI information is available at:
<http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/REIFG/index.htm>